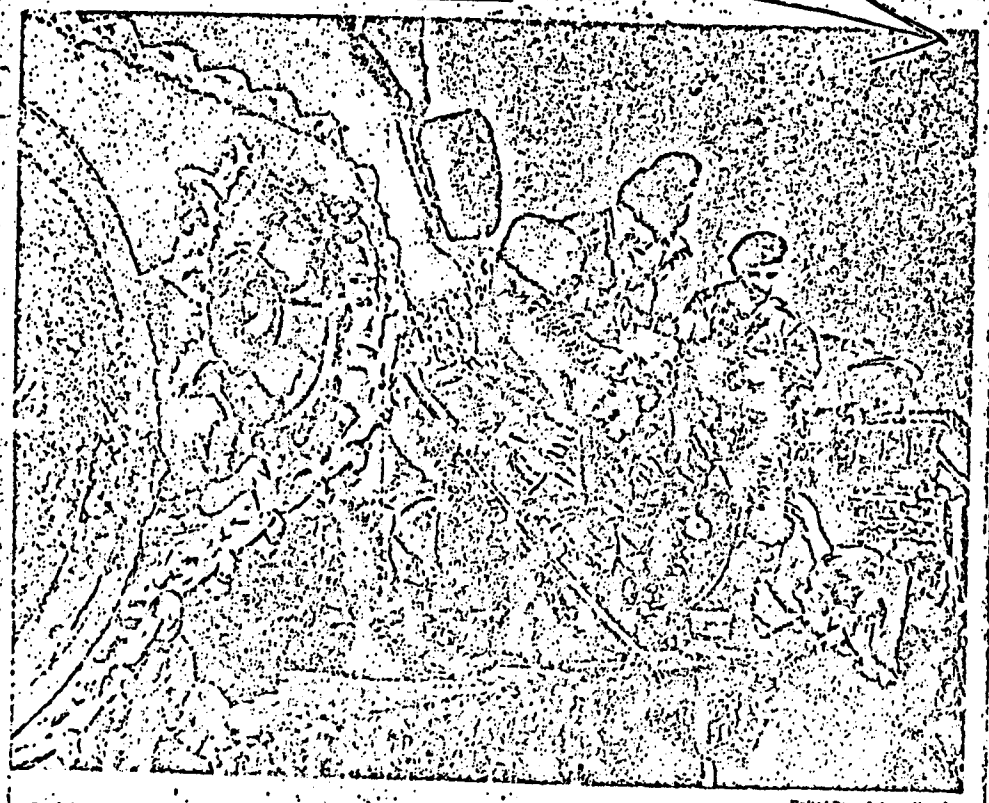

United Press International

Soviet tank crews receive flowers as they are welcomed back to the Soviet Union after leaving Czechoslovakia.

Soviet Troops Start Czech Pullout

From News Dispatches

Red Army troops are withdrawing from Czechoslovakia

nationalist duty. Your Fatherland is proud of you."

The paper gave no indica-

Long trains carrying Soviet troops and tanks toward the

troops with flags and angry chants.

E. Germany Frees U.S. Ex-Officer

BERLIN, Oct. 24 (AP)—East Germany has released a former U.S. Army captain it held for four months.

Informed sources said Richard Case Nagell, 38, was delivered at a border-crossing point between East and West Berlin yesterday in the presence of East Berlin attorney Wolfgang Vogel; attorney Ricey S. New of Washington and an official from the U.S. Mission in West Berlin.

A U.S. spokesman said Nagell left by plane today for the United States. Nagell was described as a Californian and a former U.S. Army captain who left the service in 1959. In 1954, he was the sole survivor of an airplane crash near Friendship Airport that killed five servicemen.

Informed sources said Nagell was taken off a train by the East Germans four months ago while he was on his way from West Germany to West Berlin through East Germany. Apparently he made some remarks which the East Germans considered derogatory, the sources said.

Arrangements for Nagell's release were handled by Vogel, New, West Berlin attorney Juergen Stange and various government officials, the sources reported.

The U.S. Mission had not disclosed that Nagell was being held. He was not brought to trial and apparently no specific charges were brought against him, the sources added.

He was reported in generally good condition on his release.

Rumania Vows To Defend Its Independence

Reuters

BUCHAREST, Oct. 24—Deputy Defense Minister Col. Gen. Ion Gheorghe today reaffirmed Rumania's loyalty to the Soviet Union but warned that the Rumanian army is ready to defend the country's independence and sovereignty.

Rumania has a strong and well-trained army "profoundly devoted to the homeland and the people," the minister declared in a speech marking Armed Forces Day here.

Gheorghe said foreign policy centered on friendship and cooperation with the Soviet Union and its other Warsaw Pact allies.

Rumania is firmly determined to strengthen its political and military alliance with the socialist countries and fulfill its duties as a member of the Warsaw Pact, he added in a speech reported by the Rumanian news agency Agerpres.

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